

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of:

Sala *et al.*

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For: **Method, System and Computer
Program Product for Scheduling
Upstream Communications**

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Examiner: *To Be Assigned*

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Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of a replacement Drawing for Figure 1 along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version with markings to show proposed changes.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.